

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the Title to read as follows. A marked-up version of the Title, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, APPARATUS, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM FOR SHIFTING OBJECTS IN A DOCUMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 13-15, 26, 27, and 29-31 to read as follows. A marked-up version of Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 13-15, 26, 27, and 29-31 showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

A1 1. (Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

storing a received mail document including text data and ink data, an ink image being reproduced from the ink data and overlaid on a text image reproduced from the text data when the mail document is reproduced;

deriving a shift amount of an output position of the ink image according to a character string inserted to the text image when a new document quoting the received mail

document is prepared and according to a format of the character string; and

outputting the text image with the inserted character string, the ink image being shifted according to the derived shift amount.

2. (Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the ink data comprises locus information to define the output position by coordinate values.

3. (Not Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said character string to be inserted is a quotation symbol.

4. (Not Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said character string to be inserted is an inserting comment text.

5. (Not Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said character string to be inserted is a character string that can be edited.

6. (Not Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said shift amount is length information.

7. (Not Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the shift output of said received mail is carried out by setting said shift amount as an offset value of said received mail document.

8. (Not Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said shift amount is derived according to a number of lines of the character string to be inserted and a line pitch of the document format.

9. (Not Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said shift amount is derived according to a number of lines and a number of characters of the character string to be inserted and according to a line pitch and a character pitch of the document format.

A2 10. (Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

storing document information comprising locus information and text information, a locus image being reproduced from the locus information and overlaid on a text image being reproduced from the text information when the document is reproduced;

editing said text information;

deriving a shift amount of an output position of the text information, due to the editing of the text information; and

outputting the locus image shifted according to the derived shift amount.

11. (Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 10, wherein the derived shift amount is a difference between a position of the text information upon output thereof without the editing and a position of the text information upon output thereof after the editing.

12. (Not Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said editing is insertion of a character string.

13. (Amended) The information processing method according to Claim 10, wherein the shift amount is coordinate data.

A3 14. (Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

received mail storing means for storing a received mail document including text data and ink data, an ink image being reproduced from the ink data and overlaid on a text image reproduced from the text data when the mail document is reproduced;

shift amount deriving means for deriving a shift amount of an output position of the ink image according to a character string inserted to the text image when a new document quoting the received mail document is prepared and according to a format of the character string; and

output means for outputting the text image with the inserted character string, the ink image being shifted according to the derived shift amount.

15. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the ink data comprises locus information to define the output position by coordinate values.

16. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said character string to be inserted is a quotation symbol.

17. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said character string to be inserted is an inserting comment text.

18. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said character string to be inserted is a character string that can be edited.

19. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said shift amount is length information.

20. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the shift output of said received mail is carried out by setting said shift amount as an offset value of said received mail document.

21. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said shift amount is derived according to a number of lines of the character string to be inserted and a line pitch of the document format.

22. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said shift amount is derived according to a number of lines and a number of characters of the character string to be inserted and according to a line pitch and a character pitch of the document format.

23. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said output means is an ink jet printer.

24. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said output means is a printer.

25. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said output means is a display device.

26. (Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

storing means for storing document information comprising locus information and text information, a locus image being reproduced from the locus information and overlaid on a text image being reproduced from the text information when the document is reproduced;

text edit means for editing said text information;

shift amount deriving means for deriving a shift amount of an output position of the text information, due to the editing of the text information; and

outputting means for outputting the locus image shifted according to the derived shift amount.

27. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the derived shift amount is a difference between a position of the text information upon

output thereof without the editing and a position of the text information upon output thereof after the editing.

28. (Not Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein said editing is insertion of a character string.

AS 29. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the shift amount is coordinate data.

30. (Amended) A storage medium that can be read by a computer, said storage medium storing:

a control program for storing a received mail document including text data and ink data, an ink image being reproduced from the ink data and overlaid on a text image reproduced from the text data when the mail document is reproduced;

a control program for deriving a deviation amount of an output position of the ink image according to a character string to be inserted to the text image when a new document quoting the received mail document is prepared and according to a format of the character string; and

a control program for outputting the text image with the inserted character string, the ink image being shifted according to said derived shift amount.

31. (Amended) A storage medium that can be read by a computer, said storage medium storing:

a control program for storing document information comprising locus information and text information, a locus image being reproduced from the locus information and overlaid on a text image being reproduced from the text information when the document is reproduced;

a control program for editing said text information;

a control program for deriving a shift amount of an output position of the text information, due to the editing of the text information; and

a control program for outputting the locus image shifted according to the derived shift amount.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the Abstract Of The Disclosure starting at page 55, line 2 and ending at page 55 line 13 with the following replacement section. A marked-up version of this section, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

#6 In a document in which a plurality of data items of different kinds are mixed, when one data item is edited, the relative positional relation to other data items is prevented from being destroyed, whereby information is prevented from becoming meaningless or from being changed. For example, when an edit is carried out on one data item, a deviation